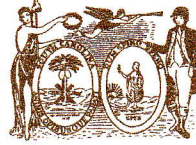


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WELCOME

As Commander of the South Carolina State Guard, it is my honor to welcome you to our website, BEYOND VALOR, honoring those who have because of their gallantry and selfless sacrifice been awarded the Medal of Honor.

The South Carolina State Guard Foundation and The Citadel are sponsoring a celebration, BEYOND VALOR, honoring the recipients of the Medal of Honor during the 2010 Congressional Medal of Honor Society's annual convention. This convention will be held in Charleston, SC during the week of September 29-October 3, 2010. This celebration has many components and this website addresses one of the most important, the education of our children to the true meaning of the Medal of Honor.

This website was designed to give an overview of the Medal of Honor and its recipients. It is an information depository that can be used as a reference for State Guard members and others who may be invited to speak to students in our public schools. Additionally, both teachers and students are encouraged to use this website to learn more about the Medal of Honor and its recipients, and as a springboard for further research into this worthy subject. Most importantly, the rules and entry documents for the ESSAY CONTEST are posted here with the approval of the State Department of Education.

There are many individuals who deserve thanks for supporting this celebration of true American heroes. All cannot be named, but they should all know that their contributions, directly or indirectly, are greatly appreciated. I want to especially recognize the assistance of Victoria Kueck, Director of Operations for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, for her support and invaluable information; CW2 Kurt Beasley, CWO Reed Marvin and LTC Tom Smith for their technical expertise in developing this website; Mr. Lewis Huffman, Curriculum Coordinator, State Department of Education, Ms. Missie Wessinger; MAJ Caroline Watson and our Education Program Committee, chaired by COL James Hill.

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Again, welcome to our Medal of Honor website.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelson C. Lacy".

Major General Nelson C. Lacy
Commander, South Carolina State Guard

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